

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Rubino et al.

Application No.: 10/768,966

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For: GRADED INDEX FIBER ARRAY AND
METHOD OF MANUFACTURE

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Our File: OIC-PT005.1

Date: November 15, 2004

**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) TO ACCEPT DECLARATION ON
BEHALF OF INVENTOR WHO REFUSES TO JOIN**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) to accept the enclosed Declaration for Utility or Design Patent Application signed by all inventors except Colm V. Cryan who cannot be reached. Submitted herewith in support of the petition are the following:

1. Declaration of Mr. Ruy Garcia-Zamor in Support of Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a); and
2. Declaration for Utility or Design Patent Application signed by inventors Mr. Richard Strack and Mr. Karim Tatah. The signature space for the inventor who cannot be reached, Mr. Colm V. Cryan, has been left blank.

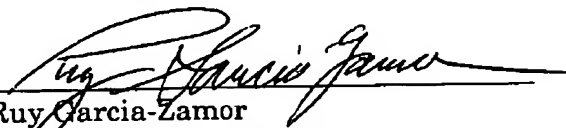
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A letter requesting the signature of Mr. Cryan was sent via Express Mail to 276 Mass Avenue, 102, Arlington, VA 02474. This address is set forth in the Declaration for Utility or Design Patent Application.

The petition fee set forth 37 CFR §1.17(h) is enclosed. Accordingly, grant of this petition and further processing of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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